

Troopers Arrest Man for Shoplifting and Lewdness

The Delaware State Police have arrested 30-year-old **Dane Smith** of Ocean View, Delaware for shoplifting, lewdness, and other offenses following an incident that occurred yesterday afternoon in Bear.

On May 2, 2023, at approximately 4:06 p.m., troopers responded to the Lowe's located at 1030 East Songsmith Drive for a report of a shoplifter in the store. A trooper arrived and was told by employees that there was a man who had passed out in a store aisle after he had intentionally inhaled numerous cans of air duster spray that he did not purchase. The suspect had also exposed his penis and vomited on himself while in Lowe's, disturbing other shoppers. The trooper contacted the man, identified as Dane Smith, who rose to his feet and made a fist. The trooper attempted to take Smith into custody, but Smith physically resisted arrest and struggled with the trooper. The trooper was able to handcuff Smith after she used her Taser to gain compliance.

Smith was taken to an area hospital for medical treatment. Afterwards, he was taken to Troop 2 and charged with the following crimes:

- Resisting Arrest With Force or Violence (Felony)
- Offensive Touching of a Law Enforcement Officer
- Shoplifting Under \$1,500
- Lewdness
- Menacing
- Inhaling Intoxicating Fumes or Vapors
- Disorderly Conduct

Smith was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$6,000 secured bond.

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